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Annotations

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1. Opening of the session

The session will be opened by the (Acting) Chairman of the Committee on Information.

2. Appointment of new members

In accordance with a General Assembly decision reached on 14 December 1992, the Republic of Korea and Senegal will be appointed as members of the Committee on Information.

3. Election of officers

At its organizational session held in 1980, the Committee on Information reached an agreement according to which the principle of geographical rotation would be applied to all officers of the Committee and they would be elected for two-year terms. 1/ At the beginning of the fifteenth session, the Committee will elect a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, to serve in their respective capacities during 1993 and 1994.

4. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The provisional agenda has been prepared on the basis of consultations among the members of the outgoing Bureau.

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5. General debate and consideration of substantive questions 2/

(a) Promotion of the establishment of a new, more just and more effective world information and communication order intended to strengthen peace and international understanding and based on the free circulation and wider and better balanced dissemination of information.

Consideration of this item will include the following written report:

Report of the Secretary-General containing the observations and suggestions by Member States on ways and means of furthering the development of communication infrastructures and capabilities in developing countries, with a view to consolidating recent experience in the field of international cooperation aimed at enabling them to develop their own information and communication capabilities, freely and independently.

(b) Continuation of the examination of United Nations public information policies and activities, in the light of the evolution of international relations, and of the need to establish the new international economic order as well as the new world information and communication order.

Consideration of sub-items under this agenda item will include the following written reports:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General on continuous and major publications;

(ii) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Publications Board in the development of criteria for United Nations publications;

(iii) Report of the Secretary-General on the provision of facilities and services to the media;

(iv) Report of the Secretary-General on his plan of integrating United Nations information centres with other United Nations offices, while maintaining the functional autonomy of the United Nations information centres;

(v) Report of the Secretary-General on the ways and means of redressing differences in the allocation of resources, in particular the differences of support, in relation to the financing of United Nations information centres in various countries;

(vi) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of a system-wide information programme for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

(vii) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 of resolution 47/73 B of 14 December 1992.

(c) Evaluation and follow-up of the efforts made and the progress achieved by the United Nations system in the field of information and communications.

Report on the activities of the Joint United Nations Information Committee.

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6. Preparation and adoption of the report of the Committee on Information to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 21 (A/35/21), para. 8 (a).

2/ The wording of paragraph 5 (a), (b) and (c) is based on General Assembly resolution 34/183 of 18 December 1979.